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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 35 with the following amended ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.

An object of the present invention is to obtain an image of a subject in a desired pose. To attain this object, an image extracting apparatus according to the present invention is provided with includes an image database in which a plurality of images is are stored, a detecting means (S104) for detecting portion which detects the orientation of a subject in an image, and an extracting means (S106) for extracting portion which extracts an image including a subject in a predetermined orientation (S102) from the image database based on the result of the detection by the detecting means portion.